



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-24

EDUCATION AND INCLUSION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A NEW 3-19 SPECIAL
SCHOOL IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND
COMMUNICATION**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. For Members of the Education and Inclusion Scrutiny Committee to formally respond to the Council's [consultation](#) which proposes to develop a 3-19 new special school in Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1. Consider responding as consultees upon the proposals detailed below in paragraph 5.
- 2.2. Consider as a committee, to provide further comments, observations or recommendations in respect of these proposals prior to Cabinet consideration.
- 2.3. Request the Service Director for Democratic Services & Communications to provide Cabinet with the feedback of the Education and Inclusion Scrutiny Committee.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. To provide Members of the Education and Inclusion Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to respond to the consultation by 14th September 2023, so that it can have its say on the proposal to develop a new 3-19 special school in Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT).

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. At the meeting of Cabinet held on 28th June 2023, approval was given to begin a process of formal consultation on proposals to develop a New Special School In Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 4.2. The consultation in respect of these proposals will be undertaken between 3rd July and 14th September 2023 under the arrangements outlined in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code. These arrangements stipulate that consultation must be undertaken when the proposals are at a formative stage and that Consultation Documents must be prepared and circulated to prescribed consultees, as well as being published on the Council website.
- 4.3. The Cabinet report appended at **Appendix 1**, includes the Consultation Document at **Appendix A** which provides details on the introduction, background to the proposal, the likely impact of the proposal, and consultation response form. The Equality Impact Assessment is detailed in **Appendix B** and the Welsh Language Impact Assessment is detailed in **Appendix C**.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1. An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of this report are for information purposes only.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are no Welsh language implications arising from this report.

7. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT

- 7.1. The involvement of the Education and Inclusion Scrutiny Committee as consultee, will contribute to the quality and robustness of Cabinet decision-making.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1. The report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph Part 4 of the Constitution (Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules).

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1. The Education and Inclusion Scrutiny Committee, in line with its Terms of Reference, has been afforded the opportunity to respond to the consultation published on the 3rd July 2023.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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